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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS OF AN INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject
matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) An exhaust gas purifying apparatus of an
internal combustion engine, comprising:

a light-off catalyst provided in an exhaust passage and having an O₂
storage capability such that said light-off catalyst passes, therethrough, at
least one of HC and CO in an exhaust gas to a downstream side of said light-off
catalyst when the internal combustion engine is operating under a condition
where the oxygen concentration of the exhaust gas is reduced; and